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Honorable Alan Cranston
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cranston:

This is in response to your inquiry of February 2 concerning comments of Mr. Richard Koch of 6334 West 80th Street, Los Angeles about posting material on the public bulletin board at Mineral King, in the Sequoia National Forest. Mrs. Koch has a summer cabin permit there.

Forest Supervisor Jim James on July 15, 1971 sent Mrs. Koch a copy of his letter of the same date to Congressman Jerome Waldie. It covers the same subject and says in part:

"National Forest bulletin boards are for use by the Forest Service to display information material, regulations, etc. for the benefit of the general public. I personally recognize that Mrs. Koch is sincere in her desire to "save Mineral King from the masses," but many people have questioned the objectivity of some of the cabin owners on National Forest land who stand to lose their summer homes if Mineral King is developed for general public recreation. Since the same question of objectivity could be raised for other special interest groups such as the Sierra Club, ski clubs, motorcycle riders, backpackers, etc. we have decided not to permit any public groups to post notices or signs relative to the development of Mineral King on National Forest land or on National Forest bulletin boards at this time. Section 251.93 of the Code of Federal Regulations gives me, as Forest Supervisor, the right to deny such action."

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"I hope that you and Mrs. Koch will see the rationale behind our decision in this case and that she will be content to let the courts decide what should be done in Mineral King."

I fully support Supervisor James' position, and trust you will concur that it is a sound and equitable one.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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